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10/642,705	08/18/2003	Gurtej Singh Sandhu	3980.3US (92-0094.02/US)	4361

TITLE OF INVENTION: PROCESS FOR GROWING A DIELECTRIC LAYER ON A SILICON-CONTAINING SURFACE USING A MIXTURE OF N2O AND O3

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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